The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1.   (Currently Amended)   An air conditioner that processes a sensible heat load and a latent heat load in an indoor space by performing a vapor compression type refrigeration cycle operation, comprising:

a control unit configured to perform a priority control operation that prioritizes processing at least one of said sensible heat load and said latent heat load from startup until a normal operation is started; and

a detector unit configured to detect at least one of temperature and humidity in said indoor space,

during said priority control operation, said control unit switching from said priority control operation that prioritizes processing said sensible heat load to priority control operation that prioritizes processing said latent heat load, or from said priority control operation that prioritizes processing said latent heat load to said priority control operation that prioritizes processing said sensible heat load based on a detection result from said detector unit.

2.   (Cancelled)

3.   (Currently Amended)   The air conditioner as recited in ~~claim 2~~ claim 1, wherein

said control unit switches from said priority control operation to said normal operation if said detector unit detects that at least one of the temperature and the humidity in said indoor space has reached a preset value.

4.   (Previously Presented)   The air conditioner as recited in claim 1, further comprising:

a timer unit in which a time limit for performing said priority control operation is set,

said control unit switches from said priority control operation to said normal operation based on the time set in said timer unit.

5.   (Previously Presented)   The air conditioner as recited in claim 1, wherein

said control unit switches from said priority control operation to said normal operation if there is a manual input from the user.

6.   (Cancelled)

7.   (Previously Presented)   The air conditioner as recited in claim 1, wherein

said control unit determines, based on an initial setting, whether to perform said priority control operation that prioritizes processing said sensible heat load or ~~to~~ processing said latent heat load at startup.

8.   (Currently Amended)   ~~The~~ An air conditioner ~~as recited in claim 1, further~~ that processes a sensible heat load and a latent heat load in an indoor space by performing a vapor compression type refrigeration cycle operation, comprising:
          a control unit configured to perform a priority control operation that prioritizes processing at least one of said sensible heat load and said latent heat load from startup until a normal operation is started;
          an adsorbent that adsorbs moisture in the air; and
          a heat exchanger in which refrigerant flows in a refrigerant circuit,
          when a batch switching time elapses, said control unit alternating said heat exchanger between a regeneration operation, in which said heat exchanger is made to function as a condenser and desorbs the moisture from said adsorbent, and an adsorption operation, in which said heat exchanger is made to function as an evaporator and adsorbs the moisture in the air onto said adsorbent.

9.   (Previously Presented)   The air conditioner as recited in claim 8, wherein

processing said sensible heat load is prioritized in said priority control operation, and said control unit performs at least one of control that sets said batch switching time so that it is longer than during said normal operation, and control that sets a condensing temperature target value of the refrigerant in said refrigeration cycle so that it is higher than during said normal operation.

10.   (Previously Presented)   The air conditioner as recited in claim 8, wherein

processing said latent heat load is prioritized in said priority control operation, and said control unit performs at least one of control that sets said batch switching time so that it is shorter than during said normal operation, and control that sets a condensing temperature target value of the refrigerant in said refrigeration cycle so that it is higher than during said normal operation.

11.   (Previously Presented)   The air conditioner as recited in claim 8, wherein

a circulating operation is performed in which said sensible heat load or said latent heat load of the air taken in from said indoor space is processed, said processed air is exhausted to the indoor space, said sensible heat load or said latent heat load is supplied to the air taken in from the outdoor space and then exhausted thereto.

12.   (Previously Presented)   The air conditioner as recited in claim 11, wherein

processing said sensible heat load is prioritized in said priority control operation, and said control unit performs at least one of control that sets said batch switching time so that it is longer than during said normal operation, control that sets a condensing temperature target value of the refrigerant in said refrigeration cycle so that it is higher than during said normal operation, and control that increases the circulation of air taken in from said outdoor space.

13.   (Previously Presented)   The air conditioner as recited in claim 11, wherein

processing said latent heat load is prioritized in said priority control operation, and said control unit performs at least one of control that sets said batch switching time so that it is shorter than during said normal operation, and control that sets a condensing temperature target value of the refrigerant in said refrigeration cycle so that it is higher than during said normal operation.

14.   (Cancelled)

15.   (New)   The air conditioner as recited in claim 8, wherein

processing said sensible heat load is prioritized in said priority control operation, and said control unit sets said batch switching time so that it is longer than during said normal operation,

processing said latent heat load is prioritized in said priority control operation, and said control unit sets said batch switching time so that it is shorter than during said normal operation